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Crestmoor (Glenview) Neighborhood Reconstruction

The Crestmoor Neighborhood is bustling with the sounds of hammers and saws as new homes are being built in the aftermath of the fire of September 9, 2010. In an effort to simplify the rebuilding process of homes in the area, the City Council approved an expedited development review process for impacted property owners. Over the past year, many of these property owners have been working closely with design professionals and City staff on plans for their new homes. As of October, 8 building permits have been issued for new homes, 6 permits are currently under review and 11 additional property owners are in the pre-application stage and will be submitting for review soon. The plan for the remaining lots should be determined in the near future. In addition, almost all of the homes that were damaged by the fire have been repaired or are currently under construction. Architectural plans for several of the approved new homes can be viewed in the rebuilding section of the Crestmoor-Glenview page at www.sanbruno.ca.gov/Glenview_newsandevents.html

Design and reconstruction of the Crestmoor Neighborhood's infrastructure is also underway. To assist in this effort, the City



has retained the services of an engineering firm and a dedicated project manager. The Crestmoor Neighborhood infrastructure rebuilding project is expected to occur in multiple phases over the next 12 to 18 months. A public workshop outlining the planned projects was held on July 27th. A link to a recorded version of this meeting can be found on the City of San Bruno's website or at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rG_d3azuDIs.

Glenview Drive and Earl Avenue was opened to traffic on October 12th following completion of a surface restoration and temporary safety

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Environmental Review of the Transit Corridors Plan

The City has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the San Bruno Transit Corridors Plan. The Draft EIR provides an environmental analysis of potential Transit Corridors Plan impacts and serves as an informational document for the public, affected agencies, and City decision makers. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR in October and November during the 45-day public comment period. The Draft EIR will be available to view on-line at www.planbruno.org and at City Hall. The Planning Commission and City Council will consider the Transit Corridor Plan and Draft EIR following the public review period.

The Transit Corridor Plan area can be generally described as the City's downtown area and the area surrounding the new train station, which will be located at the intersection of San Bruno and San Mateo Avenues. Over the past three years, the City has led a visioning process that has included hundreds of residents and local community and business leaders. The Plan details the land uses, design guidelines, and other development standards for the transit corridors area. The Plan's vision is to create a place for residents to live, work, shop,

and play, and to promote walking and transit and an improved quality of life. Across the street from Tanforan, the former U.S. Navy Site went through a similar planning process a decade ago. The result of this process was the transformation of the Navy Site into a vibrant mixed-use community with apartment residences along tree-lined sidewalks, a private central open space area with recreational facilities, retail and restaurant space, a senior-living facility, and a site for a future hotel.

One of the objectives of the Transit Corridors Plan is to promote multi-family housing and mixed-use developments near transportation, in areas where only commercial development is currently allowed (i.e, San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno Avenue and El Camino Real). All single-family neighborhoods would be protected. In order to achieve this, the plan allows for buildings taller than currently allowed by a citywide height limit. Voter approval is necessary to permit development of buildings of more than three stories or fifty feet and to allow parking structures. This same voter approval was required and obtained for the above mentioned Navy site development. Residents will be notified about the next steps in this process after the review of the Draft EIR.

Filling of Crater Marks Milestone



On Tuesday, September 20, 2011, the City began work to fill the crater caused by the September 9, 2010 pipeline explosion. A brief ceremony was held to mark this milestone in the reconstruction and rebuilding process. The ceremony was filmed by San Bruno Cable Channel 1 and was re-aired several times. Go to the Glenview Fire section of the City's Website (www.sanbruno.ca.gov/Glenview_newsandevents.html) for more information on the refilling or for the link to the video of the ceremony.

Caltrain Grade Separation

Construction of the San Bruno Caltrain Grade Separation Project is in full swing! Huntington and San Mateo Avenues have been realigned with one lane of travel in each direction and the metal plates on San Mateo, Huntington and San Bruno Avenues are moving around to allow for the relocation and installation of water, sewer, storm drain, electrical, gas, cable and telephone utilities. Construction of the shoofly (the temporary train track) continues and it is anticipated that the train will be running on the shoofly by the end of the year. In October, the new temporary Caltrain station south of the existing station is expected to open. The temporary platforms have been paved, lights installed, and in the coming weeks the parking area will be paved and station amenities added.

Over the new few months, residents will continue to see the grade separation taking shape. There will be various lane closures during the day on San Bruno, San Mateo, Huntington and Angus Avenues as the installation of underground utilities continues.

Weekend street closures will be necessary to complete the grading, placement of ballast and installation shoofly tracks on the west side of First Ave. In preparation for the overcrossing, piling driving of support structures will begin sometime in late October or November. The intersection of San Mateo and San Bruno Avenues will undergo another transformation, as San Bruno Ave will be shifted so that pile driving for the bridge structure can be completed.

City staff is working to ensure that the construction contractors minimize their impacts on the area, including the number of parking spaces occupied and the amount of noise generated.

The City of San Bruno and Caltrain thank residents and adjacent neighbors for their continuing patience and understanding as construction on this important



project continues. If you have questions about the project, please contact Caltrain at (650) 508-7726 or the City of San Bruno's Public Services Department at **(650) 616-7065**. You can also find more information online at www.caltrain.com and www.sanbruno.ca.gov/pw_proj_current.html#streets

Crestmoor Reconstruction

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improvements. This project included temporary repair and replacement of some of the sidewalk and pavement damaged in the fire, construction of a temporary safety fence along Crestmoor Canyon, and the filling of the crater, including repaving, at the incident site.

Two additional Phase I projects will be occurring this fall – a sewer line improvement between Crestmoor Canyon and Claremont Drive, and water system improvements at two locations on Sneath Lane at Earl Avenue and Claremont Drive. Additional phases of work

throughout the neighborhood are currently in design and are expected to be constructed next spring. These include:

- Replacement of sewer and waterlines
- Storm drainage improvements
- Street repaving and sidewalk replacement (where needed)
- Streetscape improvements on Glenview Drive
- Streetlight system replacement

Additionally, the City is currently working with a landscape architect to prepare plans and replant the trees within the Crestmoor Canyon.

The City is also evaluating the feasibility of undergrounding a portion or all of the overhead utilities within the neighborhood and will be seeking resident input to plan the re-establishment of the park and play area.

The City greatly values input from the public on the reconstruction efforts and is seeking any questions and comments. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to email any comments to crestmoorreconstruction@sanbruno.ca.gov.

San Bruno Resource and Recovery Center

The San Bruno Resource and Recovery Center (SBRRC) is available to assist residents impacted by the Glenview fire and explosion with mental health counseling and referrals, case management, housing and health services, resident resource and tech center, and other training offered by participating agencies. The Center was created by the Long Term Recovery Committee comprised of representatives from agencies involved with the recovery efforts.

The Center was able to open at 458 San Mateo Avenue in San Bruno due to a very generous donation from the Peninsula Health Care District to both the City of San Bruno and the American Red Cross. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. Please contact the Center for more information at **(650) 588-0940**.

Crestmoor (Glenview) Neighborhood One-Year Remembrance



A brief ceremony was held on Friday, September 9th at Skyline College to remember and honor all affected by the explosion and fire one-year ago. Approximately 600 people attended the ceremony that began with a lone bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace". After a moment of silence, family members rang a fire bell in memory of the eight individuals who perished in the fire. The ceremony continued with remarks by the Mayor and the local clergy and then concluded with the release of doves.

The City wishes to express its appreciation to the following individuals and agencies for making this ceremony successful: Skyline College, Brian Molver, clergy from San Bruno and neighboring communities, County of San Mateo, the American Red Cross, member agencies of the San Bruno Long-Term Recovery Committee, and staff from the office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

The Crestmoor Neighborhood One- Year remembrance video produced by San Bruno Cable Television can be viewed on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TFRVv0T6tg>

Crestmoor (Glenview) Neighborhood One-Year Gathering

Approximately 550 people gathered in San Bruno City Park on Sunday, September 11th for an afternoon of music, food, children's activities and community as part of the one-year anniversary events. In addition to remarks from the City, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assemblymember Jerry Hill and County Supervisor Dave Pine spoke to those in attendance.

The City of San Bruno wishes to express its gratitude to the community groups that volunteered their time to make this event successful, including San Bruno Recology, San Bruno Lions Club, San Bruno Rotary Club, Capuchino High School's Interact Club, Bethany Presbyterian Church, and the American Red Cross.



One-Year Events Planning Committee

Several members of the Crestmoor neighborhood assisted the City Council and staff with the planning of the September 9th and 11th events. Their involvement in the process ensured that the events were both appropriate and in line with the wishes of the area's residents. Thank you for all of your time, thoughts and energy.

CITY ADOPTS 2011-12 OPERATING BUDGET

On June 28, 2011, the San Bruno City Council adopted the City and Redevelopment Agency's operating budget for fiscal year 2011-12 which began July 1, 2011. For the first time in several years, the adopted budget does not include either staffing or program reductions. While the program and service level reductions made in prior year budgets remain in effect, the City's revenue projection allowed the City to avoid further cuts. In developing the budget, each City department continued its efforts to reduce and contain costs in all categories of their respective operations.

The City estimates revenues for the 2011-12 General Fund budget to be \$31,891,677, a slight increase from last year. Approximately 62% of all General Fund revenues are generated from five sources: sales tax, property tax, transient occupancy tax (TOT or hotel/motel tax), motor vehicle license fees and various business taxes. General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2011-12 total \$32,237,748 as the City developed a "status-quo" budget, including the continuation of prior year service level reductions and the current employee furlough. Prior years' budget savings were used to bridge the small operating deficit of 1.1% or \$346,071.

Although the San Bruno Redevelopment Agency's operating budget was adopted with revenues of \$9,098,704 and expenditures of \$6,830,273, a dark cloud hangs over the fate of this economic development arm of the City. The Governor signed legislation to abolish redevelopment agencies throughout California unless cities opt-in and agree to pay approximately \$1.7 billion state wide to help make up a part of the State's 2011-12 budget shortfall. This legislation also requires approximately \$400 million state wide in annual payments starting in fiscal year 2012-13. For San Bruno, this means the Agency will be obligated to pay approximately \$3.152 million in fiscal year

2011-12, and an additional \$742,000 in subsequent years. However, one thing is clear; the landscape of redevelopment has been changed. While the future of redevelopment in our State remains uncertain until pending litigation is resolved, the City and the San Bruno Redevelopment Agency will continue to evaluate the best way to assure the progress of projects important to the community's future.

Details of the City budget can be found at www.sanbruno.ca.gov/finance_main.html

The Bayhill Office Community

Did you know the one of the largest and most successful office communities in the Bay Area is located in San Bruno? With over 1.5 million square feet of "Class A" office space, Bayhill is also home to some of the world's most well known companies. Beginning in the 1970s and developed over a 30-year period, Bayhill is bordered by San Bruno Avenue, El Camino Real and Highways 280 and 380. Some of the larger companies in Bayhill include YouTube, Cisco IronPort and, coming later this year, Walmart.com. In addition to these larger companies, there are numerous technology start-ups, insurance companies, investment firms, real estate businesses and other smaller to mid-size companies. Over 5,000 employees spend their day here, eating and shopping in local businesses and generally contributing to the local economy. Given San Bruno's great location, numerous amenities and housing options, Bayhill will continue to be strong place to do business for decades to come.

Arbor Day

The City of San Bruno is proud of our urban forest. On October 1st, the City celebrated Arbor Day with a ceremony and tree planting at Buckeye Park. Over 50 community members gathered to plant 7 trees and learn about the park's history. Buckeye Park is home to a tree planted in memory of the City's first elected Mayor, Richard Griffith, and a grove of trees that are the State's oldest living memorial for Vietnam veterans.

Arbor Day was first held in 1872 in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the world in order to increase the public's awareness of the values and benefits of trees in our communities. In addition to reducing erosion, cleaning the air, and producing oxygen, trees increase property values and

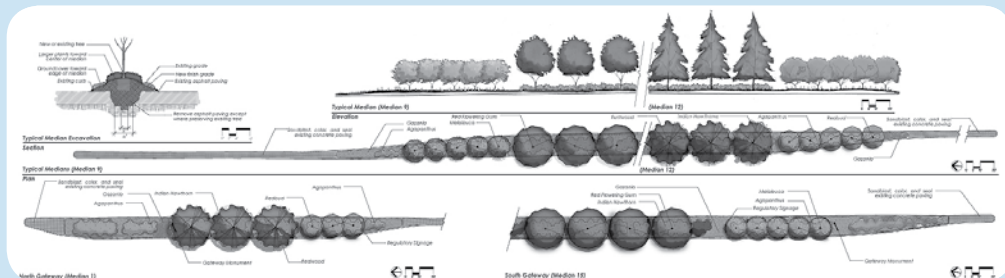


beautify our community.

The City of San Bruno has been recognized as a Tree City USA community since 2005 by meeting standards established by The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community, regardless of size, has a viable tree management plan and program. For more information on the City's tree ordinances and programs, please see the Parks Division section of the City's website: www.sanbruno.ca.gov/parks_main.html.

El Camino Real Medians

Starting in January 2012, eight more medians on El Camino Real will be undergoing reconstruction. Work includes new shrubs and trees, new irrigation, new pavers, and is expected to be completed by August 2012. Federal grant funding will pay for the majority of the construction cost. For more information, please contact the Public Services Department at (650) 616-7065.



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